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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is to the restriction requirement mailed October 11, 2000. A restriction requirement was presented for the following species:

Group A:

Species I, Figure 3

Species II, Figure 4

Species III, Figure 5

Group B:

Species IV, Claim 18

Species V, Claim 19

Species VI, Claim 20

Applicants hereby elect Species I for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claims readable on Species I include: 23-24 and 28-39,

B Applicant's representative wishes to apologize for the mistaken filing of the preliminary amendment on May 24, 2000 that added 21 new claims (now identified as Claims 66-86). These claims are identical to present claims 23-43. Therefore, Claims 66-86 are hereby requested to be canceled. Further, it is assumed that Claims 40-42 define Species IV, V and VI, respectively, since they are identical with the claims (18, 19 and 20 of the Preliminary Amendment) identified in the Restriction Requirement with these Species.

Please charge any deficiency in fees associated with filing this response to our Deposit Account No. 15-0750, Order No. OT-4465.



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